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JUNE 12-18, AND FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH JUNE 23.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE
24TH WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN PAREN-
THESIS REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTAL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER, 1977.

ERADICATION JUNE 12-18, 1978
ZONES 5 - 9 3 - 4 1 - 2 TOTAL

A. POPPY FIELDS 2 1 0 3 (15,427)
B. HECTARES .18 .0048 0 .18 (2357)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS 5 7 40 52 (2359)
D. HECTARES .42 .25 1.20 1.87 (470)
E. MIXED FIELDS 0 0 0 0 (113)
F. HECTARES 0 0 0 0 (18)

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ENFORCEMENT JUNE 12-18, 1978
- TOTAL THIS PERIOD CUMULATIVE TOTAL
A. KG. HEROIN .400 77.061
B. KG. OPIUM 2.836 289.757
C. KG. OPIUM SEED 2.650 73.036
D. HEROIN LABS 2 13
E. KG. COCAINE .001 41.183

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F. KG. MARIHUANA	16,457	325,668
G. KG. MARIHUANA SEED	0	1258.097
H. KG. HASHISH	0	59.875
I. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
J. KG. PEYOTE	0	11.85
K. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	4,560	1,515,783
L. ARRESTS-MEXICAN	52	2,346
M. ARRESTS-U.S.	6	83
N. ARRESTS-OTHER	0	13
O. VEHICLES	14	372
P. WEAPONS	12	844
Q. AMMUNITIONS	21	35,730
R. PESOS	0	564,848
S. DOLLARS	3,000.00	73,812.00
T. AIRCRAFT	0	27

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 24TH WEEK OF 1978 HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. THREE POPPY FIELDS COVERING 0.18 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED THE 24TH WEEK OF 1978, WHEREAS NO POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. A COMPARISON OF ERADICATION DATA FOR BOTH YEARS, MOREOVER, SHOWS THAT MORE MARIHUANA WAS DESTROYED DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS:

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A. ZONE 01, OAXACA: GOM-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEE JOHN D. FORD AND EMBASSY NARCOTICS ADVISER AROS RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY ON JUNE 20 AFTER COMPLETING TESTING OF COLORING AGENTS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL MANUFACTURERS. RESULTS, AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, WERE NOT ENCOURAGING DUE TO THE RETARDATION ACTION ON THE GRAMOXONE. THESE AND OTHER TECHNICAL POINTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN MEXICO CITY WITH TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES LOCALLY AVAILABLE. FORD IS PREPARING AN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING ON FIELD TESTS RESULTS THUS FAR FOR PRESENTATION TO AG EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA DURING WEEK OF JUNE 26.

B. THE FIELD TESTING IN ZONE 01 WILL RESUME WHEN THE RHODAMINE-B SHIPMENT ARRIVES. WHILE PREMATURE TO ARRIVE AT CONCLUSIONS, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT RHODAMINE-B HAS THE BEST SPREAD OF DIVERSE CHARACTERISTICS FOR AN EFFECTIVE COLOR-ADDITIVE PROGRAM ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE. THE FLUORESCENT QUALITY HAS NOT BEEN DETECTED IN ANY OTHER COLORING AGENTS. BAEZA EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO RESUME FIELD TESTING ASAP.

C. FIELD REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME CAMPESINOS HAVE RE-

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SORTED TO BENDING FOLIAGE OF MARIHUANA PLANTS IN ORDER TO COVER WITH PLASTIC MATERIAL AND PROTECT THE PLANTS FROM THE HERBICIDAL SPRAYING. ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT TREND WAS OBSERVED DURING AN OVER-FLIGHT WHEN THE JOINT GROUP NOTED THAT A CAMPESINO HAD ARRANGED WHITE-PAINTED ROCKS ON THE GROUND TO SPELL OUT IN ONE-METER LETTERS A NOTICE THAT ONLY TOMATOES WERE PLANTED IN THE AREA.

D. BAEZA HAS ENCOURAGED BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PUBLICITY ON THE USE OF COLORING AGENTS IN THEIR ERADICATION EFFORTS. LOCAL TV AND NEWSPAPER PERSONNEL VISITED

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THE OAXACA AREA DURING EARLY PART OF WEEK. BAEZA'S OFFICE IS PRESENTLY IN TOUCH WITH A US TV COMPANY TO COVER FURTHER TESTING WITH RHODAMINE-B SCHEDULED FOR END OF THE MONTH.

E. THE AREA KNOWN AS MATIAS ROMERO IN THE STATE OF OAXACA WAS DESIGNATED AS ONE OF THE FIVE PRIORITY SITES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCE BASE SIMILAR TO THE THREE IN ZONE 06. (DR. BOURNE AND MRS. FALCO WILL RECALL THE SITE AS THEY VISITED THIS BASE DURING THEIR FIELD TRIP IN MAY, 1977.) MATIAS ROMERO IS LOCATED DUE WEST FROM THE CITY OF OAXACA IN A HEAVY MARIHUANA GROWING SECTOR.

F. ZONE 02: THE AREA CLOSE TO THE TOWN OF TETELA DEL RIO CLOSE TO THE BALSAD RIVER WAS DESIGNATED AS ANOTHER PRIORITY SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCE BASE TO REDUCE

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FLIGHT TIMES FROM THE CHILPANCINGO BASE TO THE TACTICAL AREAS. THIS BASE REPRESENTS A MIDWAY POINT IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN CHILPANCINGO AND ALTAMIRANO IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO.

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G. ZONE 03: URUAPAN, STATE OF MICHOACAN: THE AREA CLOSE TO THE TOWN OF AGUILILLA, LOCATED IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM URUAPAN, WAS DESIGNATED AS A PRIORITY SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCE BASE. AGUILILLA IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE AS THERE WERE NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF GROUND FIRE AGAINST AG AIRCRAFT DURING THE PAST CAMPAIGN. PRESENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AT THIS BASE SHOULD REDUCE GROUND FIRE INCIDENTS.

H. ZONE 04: GUADALAJARA, STATE OF JALISCO: THE TOWN OF HOSTOTIPAQUILLO LOCATED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION BETWEEN GUADALAJARA AND TEPIC WAS DESIGNATED AS A PRIORITY SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCE BASE.

I. ZONE 06: CULIACAN, STATE OF SINALOA: THE SETTLEMENT KNOWN AS EL ZORILLO CLOSE TO GUADALUPE Y CALVO IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA WAS DESIGNATED AS THE FIFTH PRIORITY SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVANCE BASE IN CY 78. (AGAIN, THROUGH A COINCIDENCE, DR. BOURNE, MRS. FALCO AND MR. ARRELLANO WILL RECALL THIS SITE AS THEY HAD BREAKFAST THERE DURING THEIR FIELD TRIP IN DECEMBER, 1977.) FYI: EMBASSY OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED AG SENIOR STAFF TO ALL OF THE ABOVE SITES INCLUDING COUNTLESS OTHERS DUR-ING THE NATIONAL PLAN STUDY IN NOVEMBER OF 1977.

4. FY 78 PROGRAM PROJECTS:

A. NASA REMOTE SENSING PROJECT: THE BEECH SUPER KINGAIR DEPARTED TO WICHITA, KANSAS, AS SCHEDULED FOR MODIFICA-TIONS ESSENTIAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCANNER. THE AG OFFICE TECHNICAL TEAM ARRIVED AT THE NASA/EARTH RESOURCES LABORATORY (ERL) ON JUNE 14, TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH NASA PERSONNEL ON SELECTION CRI-
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TERIA FOR MEXICAN TECHNICIANS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BOTH THE DATA PROCESSING AND SCANNER SYSTEMS. AG TEAM CON-SISTED OF ENGINEER ROMERO MERCENARIO (CHIEF OF PROGRAMS), LIC. PONCE ROJAS (CHIEF OF TRAINING), AND A PSYCHIATRIST

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WHO WILL CONDUCT THE MENTAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING OF APPLICANTS. DETENAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR VILLASANA ADVICES EMBASSY THEY HAVE APPROVAL TO INSTALL THE INTERIM DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AT THEIR FACILITIES WHICH ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN MEXICO CITY.

B. MAPPING PROJECT: THE OFFICE OF THE AG SUBMITTED A PRO-FORMA INVOICE FOR THE 36 DOUBLE-TRACL ON VEHICLES TO BE PROCURED LOCALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ACCELERATED MAPPING PROJECT. ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENTS FOR MAPPING EQUIPMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH S/NM AND THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) AS AGREED WITH DAVE BYARS FROM DMA DURING HIS PRE-VIOUS TDY'S IN MEXICO. DETENAL WILL SUBMIT A LIST OF PRIORITY EQUIPMENT TO AG OFFICE FOR ONWARD TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON FOR PROCUREMENT ACTION.

5. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

A. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: BOTH EMBASSY TECHNICAL ADVISERS AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON ON TDY AS COVERED UNDER SEPTEL.

B. INTERDICTION: EMBASSY FIELD SUPPORT ADVISER IS IN CON-TACT WITH ZONE COORDINATORS WHO HAVE INTERDICTION VANS ASSIGNED TO THEIR AREAS TO DETERMINE OPERATIONAL STATUS OF VEHICLES AND COMPILE LIST OF ESSENTIAL SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES TO PROPERLY SUPPORT THE FIELD REQUIREMENTS. FINALIZED LIST WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO S/NM FOR PROCURE-MENT ACTION UNDER FIELD SUPPORT FUND.

C. E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: PERSISTENT CONTRACT SUPPORT PRO-BLEMS ENGENDERED MOSTLY BY NEGLIGENT DOCUMENT PREPARATION
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BY E-SYSTEMS RESULTED IN A LENGTHY MEETING AT THE AG HANGAR BY EMBASSY, AG OFFICE, AND E-SYSTEMS OFFICERS TO ARRIVE AT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS. DURING PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH BAEZA, HE ORDERED HIS ADMINISTRATIVE DELEGATE TO REIMBURSE E-SYSTEMS FOR CRITICAL EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CLAUSE 7 STIPULATION IMMEDIATELY UPON SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES. NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE TRANSMITTED LETTER TO BAEZA ON 23 JUNE RECOMMENDING SUPPORT FUND TO RESOLVE ONCE AND FOR ALL CONTRACT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. NAU STAFF CONSISTING OF WILLIAMS, KARMAN, AND TELLO, ACCOMPANIED ASSISTANCE ATTACHE TO ALL MEETINGS TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS.

D. MAINTENANCE: MAINTENANCE ADVISER KARMAN AND AG CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR UGALDE TRAVELED TO DALLAS TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR REPAIRS TO THE CRASH-DAMAGED HELICOPTERS MODEL 206-B AND 212. COPIES OF THE CONTRACTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO S/NM.

E. FLIGHT OPERATIONS: CARSON REQUESTED 90 DAY TDY FOR ROBERT DUFAU UNDER THE CALL PERSONNEL CLAUSE OF THE E-
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SYSTEMS CONTRACT TO ASSIST IN THE AUGMENTATION OF THE FLIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM. CARSWF DRAFTING A JUSTIFICATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTAL TO BAEZA AND HIS SENIOR STAFF FOR THEIR APPROVAL. FLIGHT TEST PILOT AND INSTRUCTOR PAZ-GARIBAY RESIGNED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO TAKE A BETTER PAYING SIMILAR POSITION WITH ANOTHER GOM AGENCY. THIS CONTINUOUS POACHING OF AG AERO SERVICES PILOTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR AND GOM AGENCIES HAS REACHED A CRITICAL LEVEL. EMBASSY NARCOTICS OFFICERS HAVE ENGAGED IN SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BAEZA DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR RETENTION OF SKILLED PERSONNEL. THE BOTTOM LINE ON THIS SITUATION AS EXPRESSED BY BAEZA IS THAT MEETING EXHORBITANT SALARY DEMANDS FOR PILOTS OPENS A FLOOD GATE FOR THE OTHER 3,600 PLUS AG EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD CLAMOR FOR SIGNIFICANT INCREASES THROUGH THEIR UNION

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6. HEROIN TRENDS IN THE US: UNCLAS DEA 17248 REPORTS THAT LOS ANGELES REGION 14 CONSIDERS THE WHOLESALE PURITY LEVEL IN THAT REGION (TEN TO TWENTY PERCENT) AND LEVEL IN MEXICO (FIFTEEN TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT) TO BE AN ALL-TIME LOW. LUCEY

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